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Tips for Creating a Peaceful Classroom



1. Have a genuine interest in your students

- Greet students at the door
- Learn about students culture(s)
- Be aware of teen slang terms
- Offer praise and encouragement frequently
- Attend to students as individuals, not just to the class as a whole

2. Communicate classroom rules clearly

- Enforce rules fairly and consistently
- Consider each incidents unique circumstances while making disciplined-related decisions

3. Be objective, not judgmental

- Try to adopt the student's perspective
- Look at issues from a variety of perspectives

4. Show that you are human

- Be prepared to admit your mistakes
- Use humor, when appropriate

5. Minimize the power differential in everyday communication

- Sitting behind a podium/desk can send the message that you want to create some distance between yourself and students

6. Address problems behavior directly and immediately

- Unresolved conflicts and issues resurface
- Addressing a problem early lessens that chance that it will expand

7. Adopt a collaborative approach

- Maximize student opportunities for choices within the classroom
- Consider the perspective that this is “our” classroom, not “my” classroom
- Actively solicit students' opinions

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